

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

The broadcast flag is the first step on the pigopolists (the RIAA,MPAA) attempt at controlling consumer choice. They will try to get more and more control- the same people that tried to ban VCRs are trying it again!

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? Of course it would interfere.. the guy selling counterfeit media on the street or online is the real criminal!! What real damage has been done by swapping the latest episodes of "Buffy" with friends? (legal now)

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Existing equipment will be held on to, because no one will buy the crippled new equipment.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

I WILL NOT BUY ANYTHING WITH THIS OR ANY LIMITATION IN!! Consumers will hold on to all current equipment- you think the economy is bad now?? As soon as word gets out about these limitations, no one will buy..! Reember the original "DIVX"?

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

It should be minimal, but consumer response will be to not buy it. Or crack it- when something so restrictive is introduced that trounces our consumer rights, it will be circumvented.. and when the DMCA is declared unconstitutional (I give it another year), the hacks will become publicized.

Other Comments:

When a congressman who "does not know how to turn on a computer" introduces a bill because he got paid off by the Media companies, something is wrong. And a industry that has been in trouble for price fixing should not be taken seriously. Someone has to see past the bribes to realize the real enemy is the business model of the RIAA and MPAA..